



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 14, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Virtual Webex Meeting

To access information on how to use WebEx to join the meeting, please click on the following link: <https://www.southorange.org/800/WebEx-FAQs>

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

Mayor Collum
Councilman Brown
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
Councilwoman Jones
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
Mr. Otis, Village Counsel
Ms. Davis, Village Clerk

3. Meeting Notice Statement

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the official newspapers of the Village, posted on the Village's website and filed in the Office of the Village Clerk indicating that this meeting is being held virtually via Cisco WebEx video conferencing. During a remote meeting, participants, including members of the public may be muted by the host. However, there will be an opportunity for them to participate and speak during the public portion of the meeting where participants will be unmuted at their request. Official action may be taken.

4. Resolution to go into Executive Session

2025-067 Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session at the April 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of the South Orange Village Council

- A. Matter/ (OPMA Exception)
Executive Session



- Water Utility (Attorney/Client Privilege Matter)
- Additional items for discussion may be introduced at the table

Voice Vote

5. Reconvene into Open Session

ROLL CALL

Mayor Collum
Councilman Brown
Councilmember Greenberg
Councilmember Haskins
Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
Councilwoman Jones
Councilmember Lewis-Chang
Ms. Doran, Village Administrator
Mr. Rother, Village Counsel
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6. Announcements

A. Water Administration Department

In accordance with the NJ Department of Community Affairs, the Winter Termination Prevention Program ends on March 15th and water shut-offs for non-payments/delinquencies begin. All established notice guidelines must be followed, including proper notice, holiday, weekend and medical emergency exclusions. Written notice of termination must be delivered at least 10 days before service is shut off.

B. SOPAC Celebrates: Share the Love – June 12!

Join the South Orange Performing Arts Center for an unforgettable night featuring **Rock & Roll Hall-of-Famer Darlene Love**, a VIP cocktail reception, and a lively afterparty! They'll honor outstanding community changemakers and celebrate the next generation of talent. Your support keeps SOPAC thriving—bringing world-class performances and transformative arts education to our community. **Get your tickets now at sopacnow.org.**

C. The South Orange Rescue Squad's "Sound The Siren" 5K Run / Walk

Sunday, May 4th, 2025 at 9 am: 5K Run (with optional 1.3 mile walking route)



10 am: Kids Fun Run (free!) & EMS Community Open House (free!)

After the 5K, kids and adults alike can tour the ambulances, equipment and headquarters of the Rescue Squad and learn about EMS in South Orange and Maplewood. Free food and beverages will be provided, as well as activities and games for kids. Register now for discounted pricing: tinyurl.com/SORS5K

D. **SOMA Two Towns for All Ages**

Repair Café - Sunday, April 27th; 2pm to 5pm at the Baird Center. To make an appointment, please call: 973-763-6391

7. Villager of the Month

A. Honoring Hannah Zollman as Villager of the Month for April 2025

8. Proclamation

A. Proclamation celebrating Arbor Day 2025

B. Proclamation Recognizing National Public Health Week

9. Public Comment

Village Mayor opens meeting for public comment.

10. Approval of Minutes

A. The Village Clerk is requesting the Council members' approval of the minutes for the following meeting:

- Regular meeting held on March 24, 2025 (All Council members are eligible to vote)

Roll Call Vote:

11. Ordinances for Second Reading

A. 2025-07 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LOCAL UNIT'S ALLOCABLE SHARE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES, BY AND IN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "LOCAL UNIT"); APPROPRIATING \$740,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$740,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF



PUBLIC HEARING:
ROLL CALL VOTE:

- B. 2025-08 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025

PUBLIC HEARING:
ROLL CALL VOTE:

- C. 2025-09 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$6,388,595 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,807,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

PUBLIC HEARING:
ROLL CALL VOTE:

12. Resolutions for Consent Agenda

- A. 2025-068 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF SEWER CHARGES RELATED TO PARCEL 2107/29 AKA 159 WARD PLACE
- B. 2025-069 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO TRANSFER UNCLAIMED REDEMPTION FUNDS TO THE CURRENT FUND
- C. 2025-070 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF A POLICE OFFICER FOR THE SOUTH ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- D. 2025-071 RESOLUTION AMENDING PROPOSAL OF DRESDNER ROBIN TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO COMPLETE SITE INVESTIGATIONS AS REQUIRED BY NJDEP GREEN ACRES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CAMERON TENNIS COURTS PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,800
- E. 2025-072 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- F. 2025-073 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSAL AND AGREEMENT OF TOPOLOGY NJ LLC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR ADVISORY COMPLIANCE MEMORANDUM AND VACANT LAND ADJUSTMENT REPORT
- G. 2025-074 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSAL AND AGREEMENT OF TOPOLOGY NJ LLC. FOR PROFESSIONAL



SERVICES PREPARING AND PRESENTING HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN REPORT

- H. 2025-075 RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT TO GROVE CONTRACTING LLC, THE LOWEST BIDDER FOR RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTH ORANGE LIBRARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,120,000
- I. 2025-076 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEE IN THE PLANNING/ZONING DEPARTMENT FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
- J. 2025-077 RESOLUTION STATING THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL BUDGET LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1, ET SEQ.) HAVE BEEN SATISFIED AND AUTHORIZING THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY
- K. 2025-078 RESOLUTION AWARDING EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING FOR EMERGENCY SURVEY, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE REPAIR OF A COLLAPSED PRIVATE SANITARY SEWER MAIN SERVICING HOMES ON LENOX PLACE

ROLL CALL VOTE:

13. Resolution for Separate Action

- A. 2025-079 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

PUBLIC HEARING

ROLL CALL VOTE:

14. Approval of Bills

- A. Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton, Chair of the Finance and Capital Projects Committee, presents the Bills List audited by the Village Treasurer dated April 14, 2025. The Village Council members were provided with a copy of the Bills List prior to the meeting for examination.

2025-080 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 14, 2025, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$16,841,586.55

ROLL CALL VOTE:

15. Resolution for Separate Action



- A. 2025-081 RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEPHEN SCHNALL TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO FILL A VACANCY AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 2.4 OF THE CHARTER OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- 16. Village Mayor Report**
- 17. Village Administrator Report**
- 18. Village Attorney Report**
- 19. Council Members Reports**
- A. Councilman Brown
- B. Councilmember Greenberg
- C. Councilmember Haskins
- D. Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
- E. **Councilwoman Jones**
- SOPAC/Cinema Lab Update
 - Historic Preservation Update
- F. Councilmember Lewis-Chang
- 20. Public Comment**
Village Mayor opens meeting for public comment
- 21. New Business**
- 22. Adjournment**